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Sir:

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The submission of the attached English language abstract along with the respective JPA No. 9-276643 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of the reference.

Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei. 4-501229 is disclosed on page 3 in the specification for the above-identified application. Also, JP4,501229 corresponds to WO99/00438 submitted herewith.

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